

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following prior to the second paragraph on page 1, line 3:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with one aspect of the subject application, a spark catcher arrangement for a muffler is provided, comprising a muffler shell and an exhaust outlet cover that are fixed to one another in such a manner that a pocket is created between the muffler shell and the exhaust outlet cover. The pocket receives a spark catcher net characterized in that the net is kept in the pocket by means of a snap fastening means and said exhaust outlet cover comprises a plate shaped part having a hood shaped portion with an outlet for exhaust gases, said outlet for exhaust gases constituting an unobstructed opening.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of a spark catcher for a muffler that includes example aspects of the subject application.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION